

REPLY UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.116
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE
ART UNIT 3733
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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of: § Confirmation No.: 7729
Molz IV, et al. §
Serial No.: 10/733,554 § Group Art Unit: 3733
Filed: December 10, 2003 § Examiner: J. Swiger III
For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR §
REPLACING THE FUNCTION OF FACET §
JOINTS §
Commissioner for Patents
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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116

Sir:

In response to the Office Action of December 28, 2006, please enter this amendment and reconsider the outstanding issues in this matter.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 9 of this paper.